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SUBJECT: MEETING OF TONLE CHAM COMMANDERS

REF: (A) SAIGON 6053 (B) SAIGON 5818 (NOTAL) (C) STATE63076

1. REF (B) REPORTED THAT KHIEM SAID GVN WOULD PROPOSE IN APRIL 10 TPJMC SESSION A MEETING WITH ENEMY COMMANDER, GVN TO BE REPRESENTED BY ITS TONLE CHAM COMMANDER AND A SPECIAL TEAM OF NEGOTIATORS. HOWEVER, REF (A) HAS PRESS SPOKESMAN DESCRIBING GVN PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AS CALLING FOR MEETING BETWEEN TWO FIELD GRADE OFFICERS FROM EACH DELEGATION TO BE SENT TO TONLE CHAM. THERE IS NO MENTION OF THE " COMMANDERS OF THE OPPOSING ARMED FORCES" AS CALLED FOR IN ARTICLE 4 OF CEASE- FIRE PROTOCOL.

2. REQUEST YOU CLARIFY THIS WITH GVN AND IN DOING SO REITERATE OUR VIEW AS EXPRESSED REF (C) THAT LOCAL COMMANDERS SHOULD MEET, WITH MORE SENIOR OFFICERS BACKING THEM UP. ROGERS

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